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Applicant: Peter X. Ma
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Examiner/Art Group Unit: Sumesh Kaushal, Ph.D./1633
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated April 10, 2001 of the Examiner's final rejection of claims 1-20 and 22-44.

A timely response to the final rejection has been filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

Applicant's attorney's check in the amount of one hundred sixty (\$160.00) Dollars is enclosed to cover the cost of the Notice of Appeal filing fee.

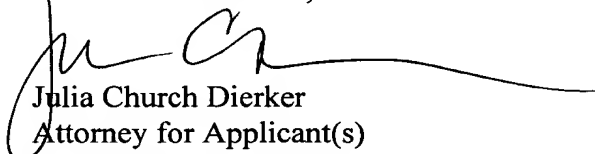
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